

Assistive Technology Ideas for Hearing

STRATEGIES & MODIFICATIONS

- Pen/pencil and paper
- Picture communication
- Sign language or finger spelling
- Dry erase board
- Meaning of facial expressions, gesture, body language
- Always face the student/client
- Gently touch shoulder to gain attention
- Gain attention before you start speaking
- Speak slowly, naturally and clearly
- Do not exaggerate your lip movements
- Break up longer sentences into smaller ones
- Repeat new vocabulary in different contexts
- Sequence topics relating to that previously learned
- Use written announcements for assignments, due dates, exam dates, changes in schedule, special event dates
- Provide outline of lesson/activity in advance
- Use captioned films, videos, and laser discs
- Avoid seating in heavy traffic areas
- Seat near speaker
- Do not talk while writing on the chalkboard
- Eliminate background noises
- Avoid standing where light source can cause glare when speaking
- Work from concrete to abstract
- Keep your hands away from your face when speaking
- Maximize the use of visual media
- Establish an in-case-of-emergency procedure
- Note taker
- Interpreters

LIGHT-TECH

- Flashing light for signaling phone, doorbell, fire alarm
- Carbonless note taking paper
- Talk about it – feelings cards
- Vibrating alert
- Vibrating alarm
- Phone amplification

HIGHER-TECH

- TDD/TTY for phone access with or without relay
- Closed Captioning
- Real time captioning
- Hearing aid
- Cochlear Implant
- Personal Amplification System
- FM or loop system
- Infrared system
- Auditory trainer
- Environmental alerting devices

COMPUTER/SOFTWARE

- Portable word processor
- Computer aided note taking
- Screen flash for alert signals on computer
- Speech to text programs (voice recognition)